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5 APPLICANT: KALIA ET AL. EXAMINER Alexander
SERIAL NO.: 09/820,538 GROUP: 1743
FILED: March 29, 2001
10 FOR: RAPID METHOD FOR
ESTIMATION OF CHEMICAL
OXYGEN DEMAND

15 November 3, 2003

RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION
UNDER 35 U.S.C. §121

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REMARKS

In response to the Restriction Requirement of October 3, 2003, Applicants hereby elect to prosecute the claims in Group II, with traverse.

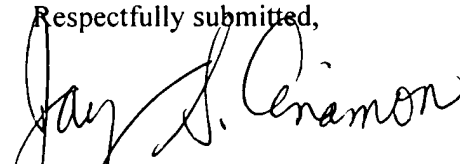
5 The inventions in Group II and Group IV as classified by the Examiner are basically a single invention. Both of these groups claim a method for the estimation of COD. The mere reference to different tables depending upon the varied dilutions cannot serve to make them separate and distinct inventions. The fundamental governing principle in both are exactly the same. Also, the steps involved in the methodology are
10 identical, except for the reference to different tables as mentioned previously. Thus, Applicants strongly maintain that the segregation of the claims of Group II and Group IV are unwarranted and should be withdrawn.

In addition, Applicants find no reference or disposition in the Office Action with respect to claim 46. The Examiner is requested to address this issue in his next Office
15 Action.

Applicants expressly reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications directed to the non-elected claims.

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Respectfully submitted,



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